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Michael D. Berger Chairperson Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, California 90065

## Los Angeles River Bikeway - Public Access Easement Deed

Dear Mr. Berger,

On August 22, 2005, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy authorized the quitclaim of APN 5442-017-902 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. This property is commonly known as Elysian Valley Gateway Park. The City of Los Angeles is planning to construct an extension of the Los Angeles River Bikeway through Elysian Valley, and the Bikeway would run over a portion of this parcel. This extension of the Bikeway is an important component in implementing the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, and providing public access between Griffith Park and the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument.

The Conservancy would like to express our full support for the granting of a Public Access Easement Deed to the City of Los Angeles over a portion of this parcel. We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

JONATHAN M. ZASLOFF Acting Chairperson